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Reflections
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From the President

Our second academic year is already behind us. We can hardly believe it. We have been privileged to share with and teach the students the fear of the Lord within the context of the many academic subjects we may give at Redeemer College.

We praise the Lord for the uninterrupted year we've had as far as teaching is concerned. That is the more miraculous because of the many events that took place at the College this year. We have grown again in dependence on the Lord. We have grown in knowing what it means to be a Christian college. We have grown in working together as staff and faculty and in appreciating each other in the many facets of

Rev. Henry R. De Bolster

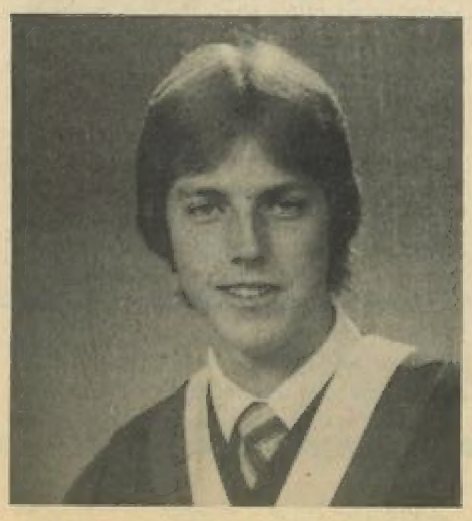
the work that needs to be done at the College. We're grateful to the Lord for a Board, and its Executive Committee, which has been ready at all times to do the work that needed to be done. A special word of thanks goes to the following members of the Board who have now retired and who have given of their time and energy whenever it was needed. A hearty thank you, therefore, to Dr. Henry Aay, Mr. Albert Bakker, Mrs. May Drost, Mr. Adrian Guldemond and Dr. Albert Wolters. The last three have also functioned on the Executive Committee with Mr. Bakker serving as Vice-Chairman and Mr. Guldemond as Secretary. They will be sorely missed and as they take their place among the members of the College, we are sure that we may count on them whenever we need their special support.

As I mentioned, many events took place during the last year. We think, first of all, of the death of one of our "pioneer" students, Art Vander Stelt. Elsewhere in this issue, you can read more about Art. He will be very much missed among the Redeemer College family. Of course, my own illness has also brought us to the realization how dependent we are on the Lord and how much He guides our lives. I'm so grateful that I am again able to do some of my work and that I may address you in this little note from the President. I am back at the College every once-in-a-while and, D.V., I hope to be back full-time in September.

May I ask you to continue to pray for the College and for all the work which needs to be done. We have great plans for the future. Since we have grown so much, we also will have to expand much more quickly than we anticipated. This is only possible if the Lord will bless us and if you will continue to support us. May I count on you? May God give you a good and relaxing summer. □

With Christian greetings,
Rev. Henry R. De Bolster
President

Art Vander Stelt 1964–1984



Redeemer College "pioneer" student, Art Vander Stelt, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vander Stelt of Brantford, Ontario, passed away March 10, 1984 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Besides his parents, Art is survived by brothers, Rob, Tony, and Dwayne and sisters, Daphne and Dina, as well as his girlfriend, fellow Redeemer College "pioneer" student, Annette Vander Ploeg of Renfrew, Ontario.

The funeral service was conducted at the Shalom Christian Reformed Church, Brantford on Tuesday, March 13, with Rev. John Jongsma, Art's pastor, in charge.

Reflections on Art's life and death are included elsewhere in this issue.

The whole Redeemer College family expresses its sincere sympathy to the Vander Stelts. It is our prayer that they will feel the presence of the Comforter during these trying days. □

"He lives with his Redeemer."

Annual Meeting Report

Approximately 150 members, supporters and friends of Redeemer College came together on Saturday, May 5, for the Annual Meeting.

A twenty-four page agenda for the meeting had been distributed throughout our support constituency. The agenda contained not only a report outlining the current state of affairs of Redeemer College but also the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Under the able chairmanship of Mr. Nick Van Duyvendyk of Ottawa, the meeting progressed very efficiently. An excellent spirit prevailed. Expressions of gratefulness to our faithful Lord and acknowledgment of His continued blessings on Redeemer College characterized the meeting. What follows are some highlights.

The membership approved the resolution which permits Redeemer College to establish degree programs in Education: Secondary (9-12); and Social Work under the supervision and pursuant to a written agreement with Calvin College and/or Dordt College and/or Trinity College. If such an arrangement can be put in place, then graduates of these programs will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree. In the event that such an arrangement cannot be worked out, then the membership gave Redeemer College permission to establish the same programs (in addition to the programs approved last year in Business Education; Elementary (K-8); General and Pre-Seminary) and award completion with the granting of a Bachelor of Christian Studies degree from Redeemer College.

The proposed budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985 were adopted without comment or question. The education fund budget for the 1984-85 fiscal year totals $1,456,000.00. The student aid budget is $620,000.00, the dormitory budget $437,865.00 and the capital fund budget $214,840.00.

As at all annual meetings, elections took place for new board members. The retiring board members are Dr. Henry Aay (Toronto-Grand Rapids), Mr. Albert Bakker (St. Catharines), Mrs. May Drost (London-Sarnia) and Mr. Adrian Guldemond (Hamilton). These board members were ineligible for re-election. All have made significant contributions to Redeemer College in its short history. In addidtion, Dr. Al Wolters, who represented the Toronto area, has resigned from the board because

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VICTORY
Hockey Royals Win

After over 40 consecutive losses in league play over the past two years, the Redeemer College hockey Royals finished their second season by winning their last two games. Congratulations!

The following article was written by Harry Zantingh, editor of the "Crown," the Redeemer College student newspaper.

Royal Rap-Up

by Harry Zantingh

A few of the statistics must be highlighted before we finally close out the 1983/84 hockey season for the Redeemer Royals. Unfortunately scoresheets for two of the games were missing; therefore, we were unable to give you the complete stats.

The highest scoring line consisted of Mike and Wayne Oegema, centered by Scott Lunshof. This productive line scored 18 of the team's 41 goals and were the top three scorers for the Royals. The top goal scorer on the team was Mike Oegema who was set up numerous times by the top assist and total point scorer, Scott Lunshof.

Bad boy of the year was John Luth who collected 26 penalty minutes. Every time he received a penalty, the darling of the fans would flash his sweet, irresistible smile and innocently question the referee, "Who me?"

Paul Vander Kooy was outstanding in the net again this season. Considering the number of shots he faced and the fact that he was playing without his No. 1 fan and shot-counter, he still managed to play superb hockey, especially in the last game of the season.

Although the Royals ended up with a dismal 2-18 record, it was considered a successful season. The team steadily improved as the season progressed, finally winning the last two games of the year.

The biggest asset to the team had to be the fans. If it wasn't for those boisterous, optimistic supporters, the team would have lost heart long ago. The team felt a great sense of gratitude to the fans and while leaving the dressing room following their final victory proclaimed, "Next year!"

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APPLICATIONS

Applications for admission to Redeemer College continue to come in on an almost daily basis.

On this date (May 10) in 1982, we had received 83 applications for admission. In 1983, we had received 84. Today, we have 103.

In 1982 we received a total of 122 applications and 97 students (80%) enrolled. In 1983 a total of 133 potential students applied and 111 (83%) enrolled. We hope that between 140 to 150 new students will apply for admission for September 1984 and we expect 110 to 120 of these to enroll.

If we add our projected new enrollment of 110 to 120 to the 90 to 100 returning students, you can see that we expect over 200 full-time students to enroll in September 1984.

Students who are interested in applying for admission for 1984 are reminded that there is still time to do so, but please do not delay. □

Art Vander Stelt—*The First Graduate of Redeemer College*

by Arend Kersten

I first met Art Vander Stelt when he was a grade 12 student of Hamilton District Christian High School.

It was a very special year for H.D.C.H. This was the year when we celebrated the 25th anniversary of H.D.C.H. commemorating 25 years of Christian secondary education in Ontario. As a 1964 graduate of H.D.C.H. I was appointed chairman of the anniversary committee. This meant that I was at the high school frequently in order to organize and participate in the various events scheduled throughout this very special year.

It was also the year when my primary task at Redeemer College was to recruit students for the "pioneer" student body. As such I frequently visited Christian high schools throughout the province in an effort to recruit as many students as possible. It was under these circumstances that I first met Art Vander Stelt.

It goes without saying that Art's presence on campus and the circumstances surrounding his illness had a profound impact on us as Redeemer College family.

I remember him as a vibrant, energetic and popular young man who had many talents. I can still remember him pounding out a tune on the piano. He was a member of the drama club and was involved in the production of the annual play.

In early spring, 1982, I was informed by his parents that doctors suspected a brain tumor to be the cause of some severe headaches Art had been experiencing. There was no indication as to the size of the tumor, or whether it was malignant or benign. Outwardly we all kept a brave and optimistic front, but deep down many of us feared the worst.

Art was admitted to Victoria Hospital in London for further tests and possible surgery. I visited with Art and his parents prior to the surgery. As I recall that meeting, Art was upbeat and optimistic. He faced very serious brain surgery with a courage that I find hard to describe.

Normal procedure following brain surgery is for the patient to spend two days in the operating recovery room, followed by two days in intensive care. Within 24 hours after surgery Art was back in his own bed. The tumor was larger than had been expected and after pathology tests, our worst fears were confirmed. Art had a malignant brain tumor and the doctors did not think they had been able to remove all of it.

I remember particularly a meeting we had during the spring of 1982. At that time, we at Redeemer College were praying that the Dundas District High School would become available for our use and an inspection meeting was scheduled at the high school for all those young men and women who had applied for admission. After we had toured the high school, we had arranged a "soup and buns" supper at H.D.C.H. where we could meet our potential students and answer their questions. All of our applicants had been kept up to date about the circumstances surrounding Art's illness. Near the end of the supper, Art, still very weak and wobbly on his feet, joined us with his parents. Those present stood up and gave Art a standing ovation. There are some things in your life that you never forget and I suppose this is one such event for me.

Despite radiation treatments and a vigorous schedule of chemotherapy, Art joined us at Redeemer College as a pioneer student in September, 1982. He lived in the dorms with other students and we were very cautiously optimistic about his wellbeing.

It was during the course of that first semester at Redeemer that we all had a scare. Art was suffering from headaches and felt a severe pressure behind his eyes. We all prayed that the cause be a severe sinus condition and not a recurrence of the brain tumor. We came together as a Redeemer College family and prayed that Art would receive healing. How happy and thankful we all were when several days later, medical tests confirmed that indeed it was not the tumor growing that caused Art the headaches and the pressure behind his eyes.

During the second semester at Redeemer it became evident that things were not well with Art. Art was encountering significant problems and tests indicated that the tumor was again growing. He was re-admitted to Victoria Hospital in London for further surgery in June 1983.

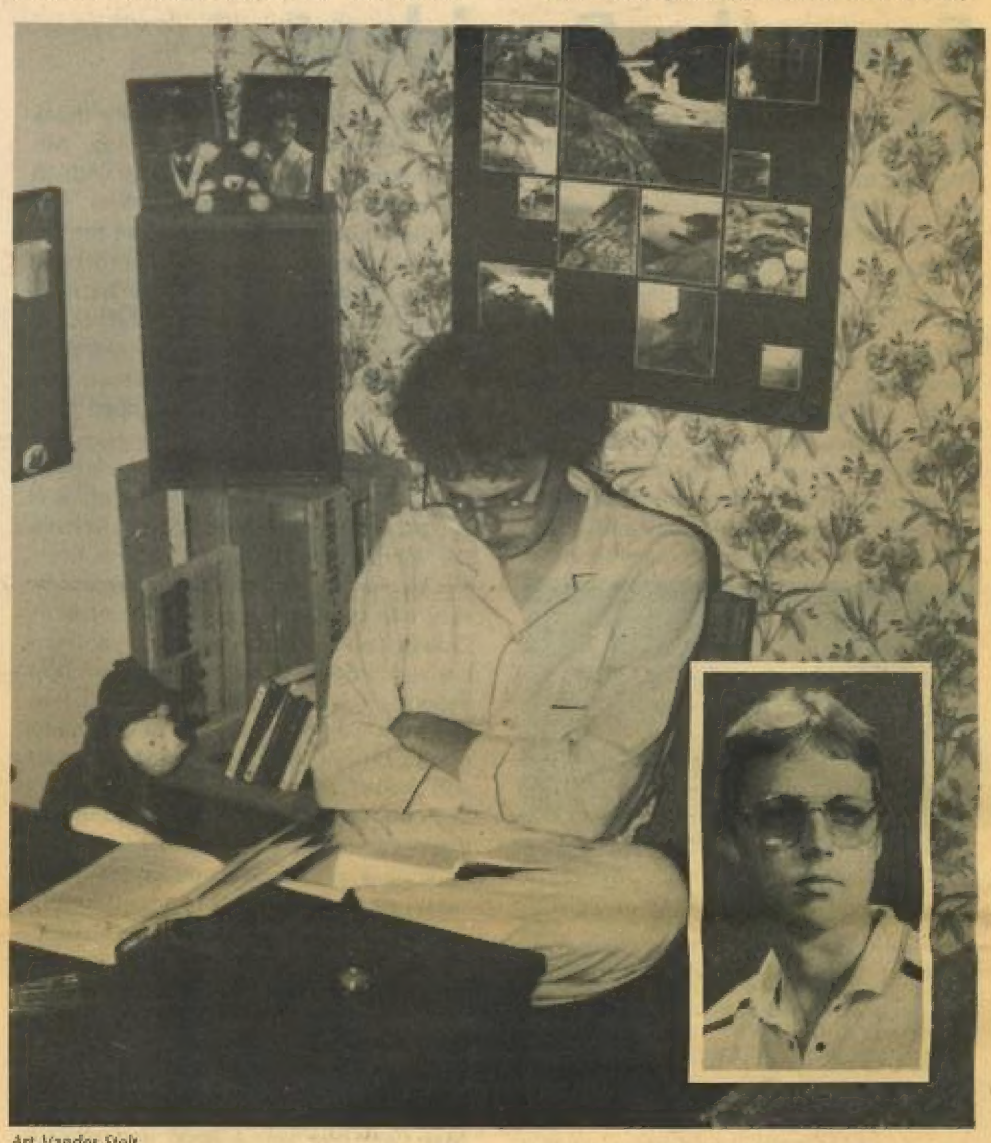
Art's recovery from surgery was nearly miraculous. He underwent further surgery on a Friday and the following Sunday, just two short days after very serious brain surgery he was walking up and down the halls of Victoria Hospital on the arm of his girlfriend, fellow Redeemer College pioneer student Annette Vander Ploeg of Renfrew, Ontario. While Art had come through the surgery very well, the doctors also told his parents, Bob and Betty Vander Stelt of Brantford, Ontario that they had been unable to remove all of the tumor and that the future did not look very promising.

Art nevertheless enrolled for the second year at Redeemer College and again lived in the dorms. Before the end of the first semester, medical tests indicated that the tumor was growing again but that it would be impossible to operate. The prognosis was not good.

Art remained a student at Redeemer College although his academic workload was reduced considerably. Near the end he was taking only one course which met twice a week. By this time he was living at home with his parents and his mother would drive him to school twice a week so that he could attend classes and also fellowship with his friends at Redeemer College.

Art Vander Stelt taught me not only about life and how to live, he also taught me about death and how to die.

The students at Redeemer, under the leadership and initiative of Jim Berry, the resident director at the dorms, a married pre-seminary student from Sarnia, Ontario, arranged for Art, Annette and Art's family to go to a Maple Leaf hockey game in Toronto. Art and the rest of the Vander Stelts are avid hockey fans. Jim wrote Harold Ballard telling him the circumstances of Art's illness and requesting that somehow nine good seats be made available, for which the students of Redeemer College would pay the admission price. Mr. Ballard co-operated and nine tickets were bought. However, by the time the game date arrived, Art was too ill to attend. Other members of his family and a few friends attended on his behalf.



Art Vander Stelt

During the last two weeks of his life, Art went through periods of unbearable pain. Powerful pain relievers worked for only a short time and to give him any more would be life threatening. Finally, on Saturday evening, March 10th, Art was released of his earthly suffering and promoted to glory.

The funeral was held at the Shalom Christian Reformed Church in Brantford on Tuesday, March 13. Art's pastor, Rev. John Jongsma, conducted the service. It was in this church that Art was baptized as an infant, and publicly professed Jesus Christ as his Saviour and Lord. Almost every Redeemer College student, faculty and staff member was present. The funeral procession included three school buses full of Redeemer College students. The funeral director in charge of the arrangements for Art's funeral commented that it was the largest funeral he had ever participated in. The church was so full that many people had to stand up at the back of the building during the service.

As I write this article it has now been a number of weeks since Art passed away and I'm still somewhat at a loss for words.

It goes without saying that Art's presence on campus and the circumstances surrounding his illness had a profound impact on us as Redeemer College family. That was evident, not only at the funeral service, but also at the funeral home. For many of our students it was their first funeral experience. On the way to and from the funeral, you could almost hear a pin drop in the buses that were transporting the students, each student alone with his/her personal thoughts. They were saying goodbye not only to a fellow student and friend but also to a brother—a very special member of a very special family.

At the college chapel service held the day after the funeral, Dr. John Bolt led the students in a meditation based on Psalm 90. The Vander Stelt family joined us for the chapel service. Questions remain. Why did Art have to die? Why did he have to suffer so much? It's not normal for a 19-year-old young man to die. A synopsis of Dr. Bolt's meditation is included elsewhere in this issue of *Reflections* for the benefit of our members and friends.

But we ask the question—has Art left us with a challenge?

I remember with fond memories Art Vander Stelt as a friend and a brother.

If I look into the secret recesses of my own heart, honesty dictates that I admit that I am not afraid of death—but I am terrified of dying. Art Vander Stelt taught me not only about life and how to live, he also taught me about death and how to die. The courage and faith he demonstrated is the legacy he left us.

Life continues at Redeemer College. We often think of Art. We remember his parents and brothers and sisters in prayer and we still hurt with them.

At the same time we know where Art is. He knew as we know, as redeemed sinners, the promise of our Saviour and the guarantee of our Comforter. But we ask the question—has Art left us with a challenge?

At the funeral home, Bob Vander Stelt, Art's father, greeted the Redeemer College students who came to pay their respects and offer their condolences with these words, "Art Vander Stelt—the first graduate of Redeemer College." □

ART VANDER STELT MEMORIAL BURSARY FUND

A bursary fund has been established at Redeemer College in Art's memory. Contributions and donations for this scholarship may be sent to Redeemer College, 467 Beach Boulevard, Hamilton, Ontario, L8H 6W8.

Should Mind Its Own Business."

So Marian Guinn was separated from fellowship. She was also enraged. "What I do or do not do is between God and myself," she said, charging that the elders had no right "to mess with someone's life."

And she promptly hired an attorney who sued the church for more than a million dollars, charging invasion of privacy. Incredibly, to my way of thinking, the court rejected motions to dismiss, thereby asserting jurisdiction over what has always historically been a matter of church business.

The trial began in mid-March; and, incredibly again, the court ruled in Marian Guinn's favor, awarding her $400,000. (The verdict will be appealed.)

The case presents two issues of enormous significance:

- The first is whether the state can hold the church liable for enforcing biblical standards on its members. The trial court's decision, if it stands, would be an outrageous invasion by the state in the affairs of the church, and would reduce the church to nothing more than a Sunday morning Rotary Club.
- The second issue is less obvious, but even more disturbing—for the Guinn case tells us how the church is perceived by the culture.

Guinn's lawyers argued that their client's love affair was "irrelevant" to the church. Most press accounts were sympathetic to Guinn; one national magazine put quotation marks around the word "sin" as if fornication no longer qualified—except to backwards, narrow-minded church folks.

Guinn's attorney brazenly summed it up: "It doesn't matter if she was fornicating up and down the street. It doesn't give (the church) the right to stick their noses in."

As the world sees us, the church has no business being concerned with the moral standards of its members.

Unfair? Or is the world's perception justified by the way we've acted?

To find the answer, we're forced to ask ourselves some tough questions:

- Have we become more concerned with enlistment and church membership than demanding righteousness and spiritual discipline?
- Do we preach a prosperity gospel, or do we call our comfortable congregations to repentance?
- Do we really insist that our faith make a difference in how we live—including not just piety but our views on justice, caring for the disadvantaged, even our perceptions of art, literature, music?

If we're honest, we have to admit the world's view of us is not so far from the mark. Our culture doesn't think morality is any of our business because they haven't seen us make it our business.

It will be bad news if the court should emasculate the church by holding that it can't enforce biblical standards on its members; but it will be even worse news if it turns out that by ignoring our biblical responsibilities we have done it to ourselves.

The celebrated national prayer debate and the obscure trial in Oklahoma suggest that our priorities are confused: It is incongruous for a nation to seek to restore prayer in its schools while at the same time rejecting holiness in its churches. □

Reader's Viewpoint

Appreciate C.R.

Please send me the copy of *Christian Renewal* of March 5, since we gave it away to a prospective subscriber. I had really wanted to keep the copy so as to share it with my five children, who are off to school, but who need to be informed on many of the issues you write about, especially the issue of Women in Ecclesiastical Office. We appreciate your paper very much and need it to know that there are people other than those who send us the *Banner*. God bless you.

—Mrs. D.C. Bouma, Washington, Pa.

Informative and Constructive

We enjoy C.R. for its informative, constructive Reformed biblical articles. Would it be possible to include a data centre of meetings, concerts, etc.?

—D. De Vries, Brantford, Ontario

Renewal Brings One In

First, I want to thank you for the personal response you sent me from my inquiry on the "Women in Office" issue.

The reason I wrote you, though, is to thank you, as editor of *Christian Renewal*, for enlightening me to the facts of such important issues as abortion. I must first confess in saying that although I've looked through them, I haven't thoroughly read each of the papers in the last year. When I saw the article "Carnage" in your April 9 issue, it sparked my interest in the subject and when I told my dad, he dug out a number of copies from the past year which dealt with the topic. After reading all the back copies, I changed my position on the topic drastically! On a chart from 1 to 10 (1 being pro-life and 10 being pro-abortion to all extremes) I guess I was about a 7 going on 8 (public school teachings), but now I am a definite 1. As I said to my dad, "I'm a 1 and stand side-by-side with John Hultink!" The paragraph which really turned me around was the one about the girl born because of a rape incident (May 9, 1983 edition; p. 14).

I thank God for your ministry through the paper! (And I thank you!)

—Jonathan Andreas, Mission Viejo, CA

He Who Pays the Piper . . .

I would like to see a few articles dealing with women in ecclesiastical office on biblical grounds.

The *Banner* and *Calvinist Contact* are hammering away that women must be in office as deacons, elders and ministers. The Christian Reformed Seminary has no authority to have women study for ministers and given this candidates diploma inviting trouble in the church especially in the future.

Since Mrs. Riemersma left the Christian Reformed Church to be a minister in the Presbyterian church, she is endlessly harassing the Christian Reformed Church to have women in office. The article in *Christian Renewal* on "Technology and Work" by Dr. Schuurman is beautiful. On biblical ground it opens our blind eyes to see to what extent we are blindfolded by materialism. This article should be studied in every Christian highschool and reprinted a thousandfold.

Have we really understood what it means to be obedient to God's Word when we baptised our children?

We have hundreds of Christian schools, highschools, colleges and seminaries in Canada but the education is left too much to school teachers and ministers. There is inadequate involvement by the parents. I would like you to get in touch with Mr. Van Brummelen and find out about the battle with the Minister of Education in B.C., Mr. Heinrick who is against the Christian highschools.

Heinrick wants all Christian highschools to follow public school curriculum in order to receive a grade 12 diploma. They don't recognize the Christian curriculum in subject areas where God's presence is emphasized in all spheres of life.

Smithers Christian Highschool has rejected Mr. Heinrick's proposals. The Christian highschools get 30 percent support from the B.C. government but now the government wants to dictate policy to the schools.

Christian greetings,

—Ed Numan, Smithers, British Columbia

Heartily Recommended

Among the many excellent theological journals, denominational papers and religious periodicals, an acquaintance with which is essential to a well-rounded theological education, there is also *Christian Renewal* which we heartily recommend to every Christian home. Its many articles and news items will help you to understand the world in which we live and the challenges with which this confronts every believer more clearly.

—Mid-America Messenger, Orange City, Iowa.

Should C.R. Review Movies?

Thank you for mailing *Christian Renewal* to our family. We all find it very instructive and look forward to the next issue.

The voice of concern for the spiritual wellbeing of God's people comes through in most articles, which is very important because too often the accent seems to fall on the material side of life.

One thing I have some problems with, and that is the review of movies. In the first place I do not see the necessity of exposing God's people to the decadence of the world; and secondly, the matter of fact tone, and uncritical negotiating of script and action, does not sufficiently expose the character of one of the most insidious gods of this world. I know that it is sometimes hard to get copy, but telling what is available for us among the world's goodies does not seem to fit the character of your paper.

Again, overall we are happy to receive *C.R.*

—the Van de Kamps, Surrey, B.C.

"TH' DEVIL TOLD ME TO SNEAK A PIECE OF CAKE, BUT JESUS SAID TO ASK YOU BECAUSE HE'S SURE YOU'LL LET ME HAVE A PIECE."

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It's not too late
You can still apply.

There is still room for you!

These are just a few of the very special young men and women who have applied for admission to Redeemer College. You can too—if you hurry.

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Gabby, the Magician

Story by Henri Arnoldus
Illustrations by Carol Voges

Gabby's Magic Flute

The hot summer sun finally set, and then the full moon rose above the forest. It peeked through the window of Gabby's living room.

Gabby was sitting in his easy chair. Next to the high-backed chair was a small table covered by an embroidered cloth. On the table stood an old oil lamp, glowing brightly.

Gabby's feet were on the ottoman, and he was engrossed in volume I of his magic books. The thick, heavy book was filled with secret letters and codes and signs and symbols. No one but Gabby could make any sense out of them.

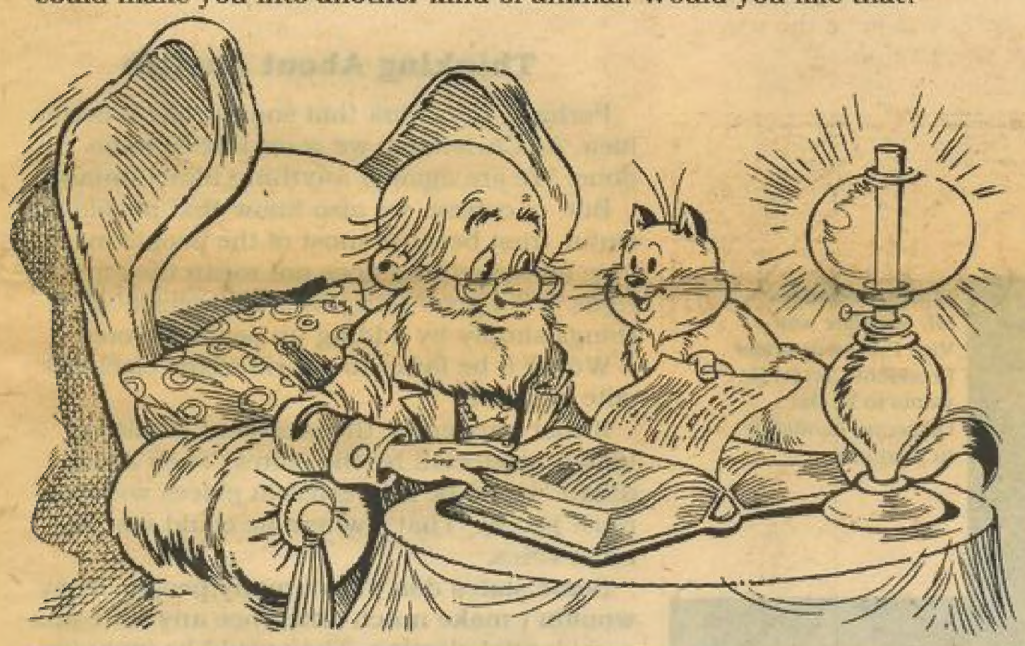
Tom-Bom was sitting next to the oil lamp, pretending to read over Gabby's shoulder.

"Gabby," the cat suggested suddenly, "couldn't you conjure up rain with your magic flute?"

"Magic flute?" asked the wizard in surprise, looking at Tom-Bom over his half-glasses. "What magic flute?" Then the forgetful wizard suddenly remembered. "Ah yes!" he exclaimed. "The present I got from the old wizard Martini. I wonder what happened to it!"

"It's in the chest, next to the glass jars," said the helpful cat. "Don't tell me you've forgotten that too?"

"Ah, you're right. Of course!" said the wizard. "In the chest! How could I forget?" Then he laughed. "But I'm sorry, old puss, I can't make rain with that. That's only good for changing things into other things. I could make you into another kind of animal. Would you like that?"



That set the old cat thinking. "Sounds strange to me, Gabby," he finally replied. "Another animal? What animal?"

"Well," said Gabby, "I could change you into a porcupine."

"You want a porcupine in the house?"

"No, I guess not," chuckled the wizard. "Well, how about a nice badger?"

"Will I turn back into a cat again?" asked Tom-Bom, not quite sure of the whole thing.

"Of course," Gabby assured him. "Well, what'll it be?"

"A bird!" exclaimed the cat.

"What kind of bird?" asked Gabby.

"A catbird! I like catbirds!" shouted the cat.

Gabby unlocked his magic chest and removed the magic flute. "Now pay attention, Tom-Bom!" warned the wizard. "I want you to change into a catbird. Fa-do-la-mi-so! Re-ti-do!" With that he blew a series of high notes on the magic flute.

All at once Tom-Bom was a catbird! He fluttered through the room and landed on Gabby's shiny bald head. "Cheep, cheep!" he chirped.

"Cheap nothing!" laughed Gabby. "That's one of my better tricks!"

Tom-Bom flew over to the magic chest and fluttered his wings.

"Ah yes," said Gabby, understanding. "You want me to make you talk."

He fetched some green powder from a jar and sprinkled it over the catbird as he repeated the magic words.

"What do you think of it, Tom-Bom?" he smiled.

"Great, boss!" exclaimed Tom-Bom. "Flying is wonderful! Funny though, having only two legs!"

"You want to stay a catbird?" asked the wizard.

"No way, Gabby!" replied Tom-Bom. "You'd better turn me back into an ordinary cat again!"

Gabby blew the magic flute again, and Tom-Bom tumbled to the floor. "Sorry about that, old puss!" chuckled the wizard. "Shall I turn you into a skunk now?"

"You wouldn't like it, boss!"

"No, I guess you're right again," laughed the wizard.

"Besides," added the cat sternly, "you have to get back to work!"

"What do you mean?" asked Gabby.

"You have to read the books to find out how to make rain!"

"Whoops, I forgot!" admitted the wizard. He glanced at the clock on the mantle. It was close to ten o'clock! □

Next issue: **Sleepyhead Gabby**

Start at Washington, end in Maine
find your way but stay in the lane

Take a look, when you're through
name 32 states you went to

To end this game, unscramble the names
of states which show you missed their lanes

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nesnesete	wen reejys
dorflia	rawleade
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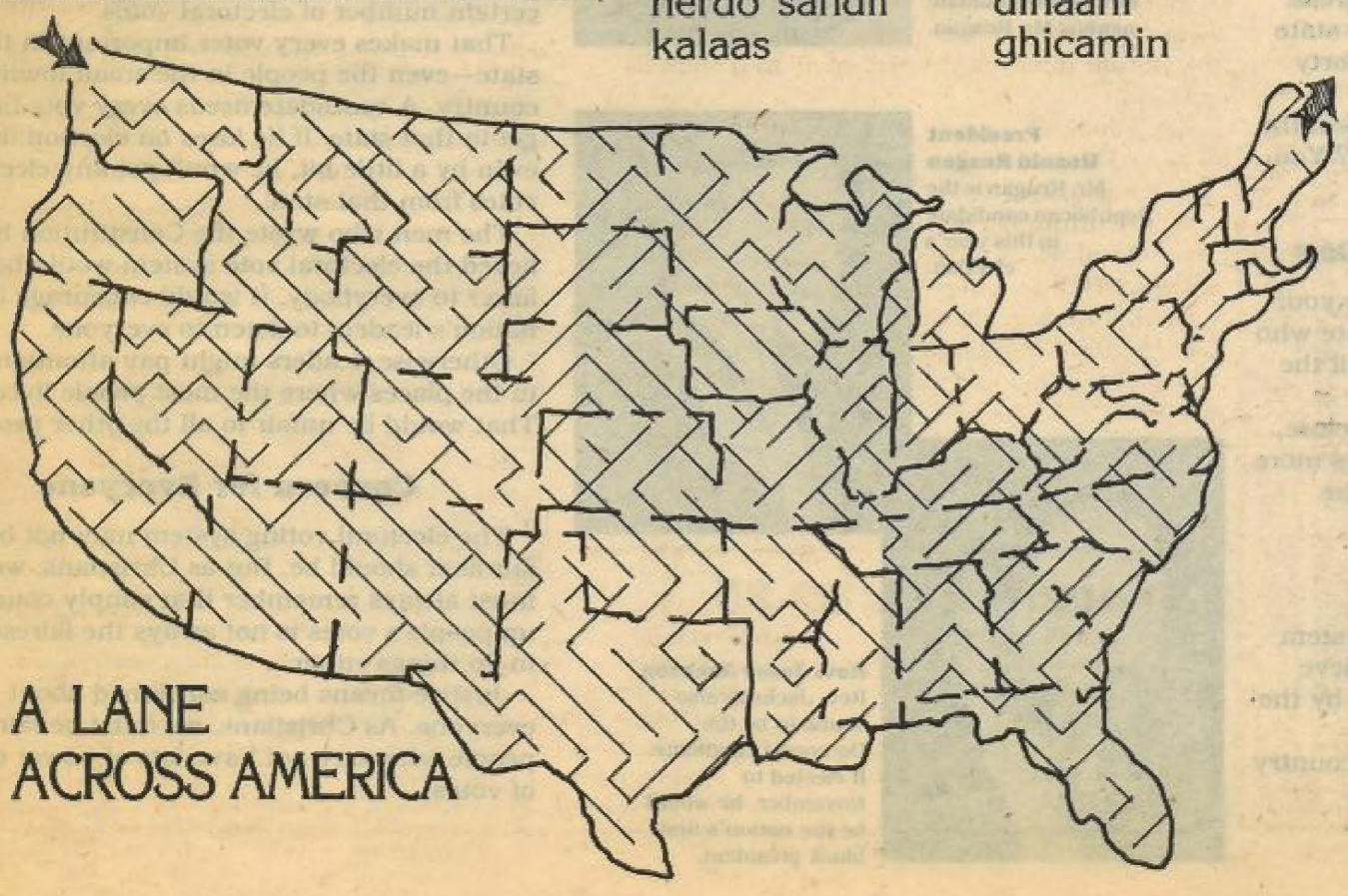


A LANE ACROSS AMERICA

Seeds in Space

Twelve million tomato seeds were part of a strange package released in outer space several weeks ago.

Along with the tomato seeds were seeds from 120 other varieties of plants. The package was released by the crew of the space shuttle, and will orbit the earth for the next 10 months.

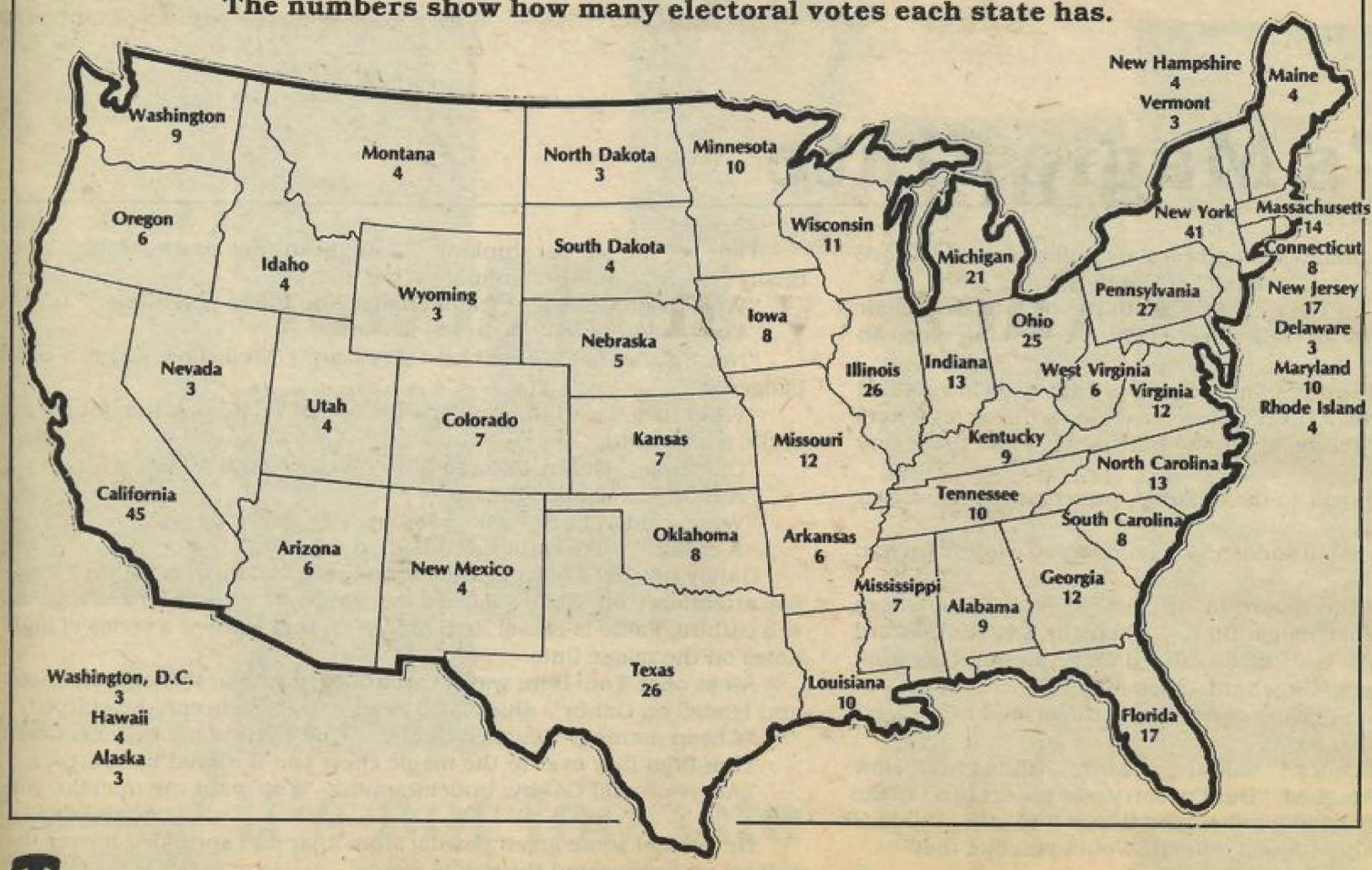
During that time, the seeds will be frozen solid in the cold of outer space. They will whiz around in weightlessness. And they might experience unusual radiation from the sun.

After 10 months, another space shuttle crew will try to pick the package up again from space. The scientists back on earth will study the seeds to examine the effects of their unusual trip away from the earth.

On the pickup trip next February, no one will be surprised if the package is covered with a long and leafy vine. Included in the assortment of seeds is a small sampling of kudzu vine seed. Is there a risk of starting a jungle in outer space? □

Who Will Choose the President?

The numbers show how many electoral votes each state has.



This is election year. In November, Americans will choose a president. That happens every four years in the United States.

Do you know how a president is chosen?

Is That Fair?

Many people think the winner of a presidential election is the one who receives the most votes. But that's not exactly how it works.

In fact, someone can be elected president of the United States even though someone else gets more votes.

"That's not fair!" you may say. "The person with the most votes should be president."

But receiving the most votes doesn't necessarily make a winner. How then is a president elected?

The answer is found in the U.S. Constitution. The Constitution tells how a president is to be chosen. It's quite simple, really.

Elected by the States

You see, the president is elected by the states. Each state has a certain number of votes. They are called "electoral votes."

Do you know how many electoral votes your state has? It depends on how many members of Congress are from your state.

If your state has seven people in Congress, then it has seven electoral votes. If your state has forty seats in Congress, it will cast forty electoral votes in November.

Can you guess which *candidate* will win the electoral votes from your state this year? You won't know for sure until election time.

What Happens on Election Day

Here's how it will work: The people in your state will vote. The presidential candidate who gets the most votes in your state wins all the electoral votes from your state.

Sometimes the vote in a state is very close. Perhaps the winner gets only a few votes more than the loser. But the winner gets all the electoral votes from that state.

Not Everyone Agrees

Some people say this electoral vote system is unfair. They want to end it. They believe the president should be elected directly by the people and not by the states.

They want the votes from the *entire* country to be added up. The candidate with the highest number of votes would become president.

Walter Mondale
Mr. Mondale was Vice President under President Carter. He wants to be the Democrat candidate in November.

Senator Gary Hart
Senator Hart says he would have a better chance as the Democrat candidate against Mr. Reagan.

President Ronald Reagan
Mr. Reagan is the Republican candidate in this year's election.

Rev. Jesse Jackson
Rev. Jackson also wants to be the Democrat candidate. If elected in November, he would be the nation's first black president.

Thinking About Justice

Perhaps you think that sounds like a better idea. As Christians, we want justice to be done. We are against anything that's unfair.

But, of course, we also know that people are sinful. Just because most of the people may vote for something does not mean they are right. It's a good thing we don't decide all things simply by adding up people's votes.

Would it be fairer to get rid of the electoral vote system?

If that happened, the president would no longer be elected by the states. Then a candidate would be interested in places with the most people. That's where he could win the most votes.

Some states don't have many people. They wouldn't make much difference anymore in a presidential election. They could be ignored.

Millions of people who live in the country and small towns could also be ignored. To win an election, a candidate would be more interested in the voters from the big cities where most voters live.

The Reason for Electoral Votes

In our electoral vote system, each state does have a voice. Each state has the right to cast a certain number of electoral votes.

That makes every voter important in that state—even the people in the small towns and country. A candidate needs every vote he can get in that state. If he loses on election day, even by a little bit, he won't get any electoral votes from that state.

The men who wrote the Constitution believed the electoral vote system would be fairer to everybody. It would encourage the nation's leaders to listen to everyone.

Otherwise, leaders might pay attention only to the places where the most people lived. That would be unfair to all the other people.

Concern for Everyone

The electoral voting system may not be as fair as it should be. But as Christians, we must always remember that simply counting up people's votes is not aways the fairest way to do things either.

Justice means being concerned about everyone. As Christians, we must be fair to people who may not have lots of power or lots of votes. □

DORDT COLLEGE

Faculty Forum:

Informal faculty interaction

The Dordt College Studies Institute is trying a new approach to faculty development—open discussions called Faculty Forum where Dordt faculty members meet together informally to talk about topics from "Peacemaking in a Nuclear Age" to the off-campus study programs.

Organized this year, the Faculty Forum "is an opportunity for faculty to discuss important issues—social issues, political issues, and academic issues," said the Forum's coordinator Rockne McCarthy. "They also provide opportunities for faculty members to test out research ideas. We hope in the future that faculty members will present written papers and will want reaction from a broader cross-section of colleagues than they would get at a departmental meeting."

McCarthy said he wants Faculty Forum to be as open and creative as possible. Faculty Forum differs, however, from faculty meetings which are held three or four times a semester to discuss faculty business. "Faculty meetings have reports of an informative kind," explained McCarthy, "but as agreed upon several years ago, their primary purpose is to present business from committees for faculty consideration and decision."

Unlike faculty meetings, Faculty Forum is voluntary. Attendance at the Forum has been good, McCarthy said. However, he added, "We have the attitude that if only five people show up, there is still the possibility of a good discussion."

During the third Faculty Forum, Dr. Donna Spaan, director of the Chicago Metropolitan Center Program, presented her views on the importance of Dordt College's off-campus study program, while Dr. Rockne McCarthy, Forum's coordinator, looked on.

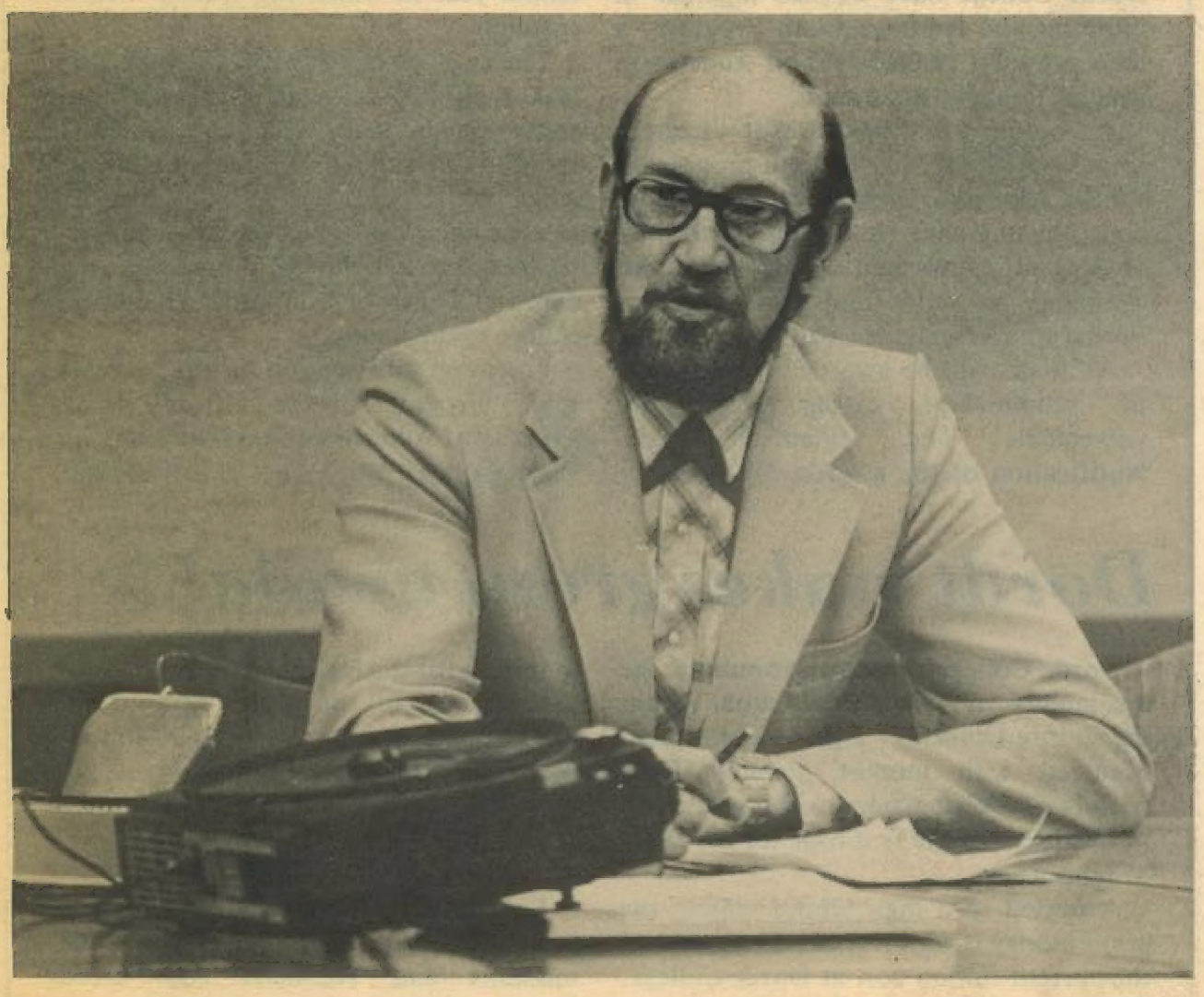
Several weeks before each meeting, faculty members are sent a reminder about what reading materials are available on the topic for discussion.

"The emphasis in Faculty Forum is on discussion," he said. "Often there are brief discussions in which faculty come prepared because they have either read material, because we're following up a lecture series held on campus, or because we're going to have a short presentation with discussion afterwards. In each case, something has taken place ahead of time."

Agendas for the Forum were established early in the school year when faculty members were asked to suggest topics of interest. The Faculty Development Committee also offers advice on possible topics. The Studies Institute then works with these suggestions. At the end of this year, McCarthy explained, the Studies Institute will again send out a questionnaire for suggestions on topics for next year.

"Some topics obviously have greater appeal," explained McCarthy. "The concern is to try to come up with meaningful topics, not necessarily to get everyone there."

"Peacemaking in a Nuclear Age" was the topic for the first Faculty Forum held in October. Dr. John B. Hulst, president of Dordt College, Arnold Veldkamp, professor of mathematics, and McCarthy led the discussion. Suggested reading materials for the Forum included Dr. John Bernbaum's study guide for the Christian College Coalition titled "The Nuclear Freeze: A Study Guide on the Nuclear Arms Race." The study guide in-



Following the slide presentation at the third Faculty Forum, Daryl Vander Kooi, professor of communication, contributed his views on the advantages and disadvantages of the off-campus study program.

cluded nuclear freeze documents, the Reagan Administration's response, and congressional, public, and scholarly debate. Other reading materials were also available.

The second Faculty Forum held in December focused on the issues and questions that emerged out of the B.J. Haan Lecture Series and the Fall Faculty Lecture Series. Both lecture series aimed at topics in education. The title of the B.J. Haan Lecture Series was "A Christian Approach to Instruction: Examining the Contours." Professors Kenneth Bussema, Paul Moes, Larry Reynolds, and Gloria Goris Stronks participated and lectured on theories of learning. Professors Mike Stair and Gerald Bouma presented topics at the Fall Faculty Lecture Series titled "We Teach—They Learn: Failed Logic in Contemporary Education." Their presentations demonstrated how Western society's system of dualistic thought has contributed to the failure of modern education.

In early March, the third Faculty Forum focused on questions and issues related to Dordt's off-campus study programs. Joann Alberda, assistant professor of art, who is also a member of the Off-Campus Program Committee, presented a slide presentation of the programs Dordt College offers. Dr. Donna Spaan, director of the Chicago Metropolitan Center Program, and Daryl Vander Kooi, professor of communication, discussed the purpose and role of the off-campus programs at the college level; the advantages and disadvantages of off-campus programs to Dordt College; and the unique contributions of off-campus programs for students. Following these presentations, other faculty members joined in to discuss the problems and benefits of the off-campus programs.

There are plans to continue Faculty Forum next year, and several faculty members said the Forum meetings have been beneficial.

"I think some of the meetings are more beneficial than others," commented Veldkamp, "but I think they are all worthwhile." The Forum which centered on a Christian approach to the nuclear problem, he said, was very important. "I think it's a problem Christians should be discussing and debating. . . . The second Forum on education was not as helpful for me, but it may have been helpful for others."

Martin Dekkenga, associate professor of communication, echoed approval of Faculty Forum. "The meetings give us the opportunity to express our opinions and to explore areas we aren't able to consider in faculty meetings. . . . I think the main objective of the Forum is to hear about and to discuss areas we wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to; so, in that sense, I think they are worthwhile. I would like to see them continue."

Topics for next year have not been selected; but it appears that Faculty Forum and the discussion they generate will continue.

Contests, animals highlight Ag Day

Andy Werkhoven, a senior from Monroe, Washington, rests leisurely while holding a cow steady during the milking contest at Dordt College's fifth annual Ag Day held Friday, April 27. Other special events included a dairy and beef cow-calf show, sheep shearing, sheep herding, and hay bale throwing contest. The Dordt College greenhouse was open for tours, and machinery displays, a children's petting zoo, and other animals were placed in front of the Student Union Building. The event is sponsored each year by the Dordt College Agriculture Club.

Heritage Loan Program Initiated

Constituents and college officials at Dordt College have worked together in initiating the Heritage Loan Program, a loan program available to all students in need of financial assistance.

According to the Dordt College Development Office, the loan program is funded through monies received from constituents who contributed to the Heritage 21 Campaign, a newly-organized campaign to raise funds for programs similar to the Heritage Loan Program.

All loans will be awarded on the basis of scholarship, extracurricular involvement, and financial need. Notification of the awards will be made during the eight months preceding the school year in which the student will be enrolling.

The amount of the loan will vary from $200 to $2,000 per year. Interest will not accrue on the loan while the recipient is enrolled as a full-time student at Dordt or at another recognized college or university. Interest and principal payments will begin six months after the last month of attendance at Dordt or at another recognized college or university.

For more information on the Heritage Loan Program, write Howard Hall, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250.

Dordt makes grant available

Dordt College recently announced the availability of "The Presidential Grant for Future Leaders," a grant endowment obtained with monies donated from friends of Dordt College. The grant will be awarded for the first time for the 1984-85 school year.

Awarded to a high school senior, the grant money is within ten to 25 percent of the current tuition cost at Dordt College. The grant will be awarded as a reduction in tuition for the freshman year at Dordt.

Recipients of the grant must have a grade point average within the top ten percent of the class. Recipients will also be selected based on their participation in school extracurricular activities, church activities, and community activities.

For more information on applying, write Howard Hall, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250.